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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendments Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 9, 2002. The response is filed on or before October 9, 2002, making this a timely filed response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2310 (Our Order No. A-68126-1/463077-85/RFT/RMS/RMK).

Election of Species:

Applicants are required to elect a single disclosed species of variant EPOR protein for prosecution on the merits. In response to this requirement, Applicants elect the species represented by EPOR variants having PDATM technology designs for domains D1 and D2 of the EPOR protein (new claim 38). Claims 20-37 read on the elected species.